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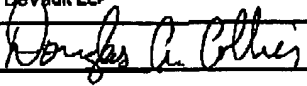
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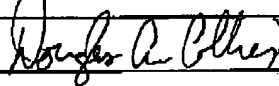
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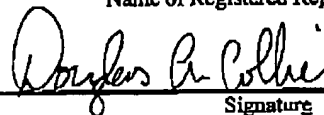
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In the non-final office action mailed August 2, 2006, claims 1-67 were pending. Claims 21-67 were withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention, and claims 1-20 were rejected. In this response, claims 21-67 have been cancelled without prejudice to pursue in a divisional application, claims 1 and 10 have been amended, and new claims 68-79 have been added. Reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 1-20 and 68-79 in view of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested.

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